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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
REFS: A. EDNA-0722, dated 17 September 1965 B. EDNA-11444, dated 13 October 1965			
1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers School at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Pomerania/Mecklenburg in SIPO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939 has been provided by alias CASTROP:			
a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIPO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe z.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee).			
b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenführer WILHELM ^{WILHELM} (born 24 July 1895 in Schwanditz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIPO Colonel, Dr. WILHELM ^{WILHELM} and a 250-man Special SIPO Detachment under SS-Oberführer, Dr. Otto RASCH (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIPO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officer School in Berlin/Charlottenburg. Its commanding officer was Brigadeführer Otto HELLMUTH (born on 14 February 1904 in Nordhausen) as well as from the student body of the Pomerania/Mecklenburg Police School. Its commanding officer was an SS-Oberführer THOMAS ^{THOMAS} . HELLMUTH's Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat SEIDIGER ^{SEIDIGER} (born on 7 June 1900 in Bamberg on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).			
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a. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

- (2) BARTMAN Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pomm
- (2) BARTHELS Frau, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zerbst or 2 March 1906 in Zeitz
- BUCK Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser
- JOHNER Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling
- Dr. KOEHN Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Bamberg/Rhein
- KOENIG Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Lack
- KUSCHEL Frau, born 16 February 1902 in Schmplitz or 11 Dec. 1902 in Danzig
- SCHLIEB Frau, born 9 March 1896 in Viehbraunbach or 23 Aug. 1913 in Konstanz
- SCHMIDT Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918 in Allersberg
- SPIEGELHAUER Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde
- WERTERL Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salzburg
- WEIMANN Frau, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909 in Seesen/Harz
- WISSIG Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad Pilsen/Pomm
- WILKIN George, born 30 March 1912 in Freist
- WINTERSTEIN Heinrich, born 1 June 1904 in Kempten/Bay
- WERNER Eugen, born 25 Dec. 1912 in Peine.

c. CASTROP has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

a. When and from what organization the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WOTTSCH;

b. Where and for how long they are operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROP's information, most members of the von WOTTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapostelle Kattowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapostelle Kattowitz.)

3. CASTROP states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the BDC staff in efforts to track down the information asked for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIDE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROP has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIDE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VOSTERL, Josef - ECMA-23145, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HEC traces; ECMA-41855 dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HEC trace results.

b. WILLIAMS, George - ECMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HEC traces for CATINE; ECMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HEC trace results.

c. GERNER, Eugen - ECMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HEC traces for CATINE.

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